3. पहाड़ियों और पर्वतों पर उन महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों का पता लगाना, जिनमें वनों की कटाई से सुरक्षा करने और तत्काल व्यापक वनरोपण की जरूरत है।

4. 4 प्रतिशत भौगोलिक क्षेत्र को वन्यजीव अभयारण्यों, राष्ट्रीय उद्यानों, जीवन मंडल रिजर्वों आदि जैसे सुरक्षा क्षेत्रों के रूप में अलग रखना।

**Reduction of staff in NTC**

272 SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Textile Corporation has been asked to reduce its staff strength in the holding company considerably; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) In order to facilitate decongestion in Delhi, the Office of National Textile Corporation (Holding Company) has been allowed to continue in Delhi provided the staff strength is reduced by one Hundred.

**Bride burning cases**

273. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that recently the number of bride burning incidents has gone up on account of dowry demands;

(b) if so, the number of cases registered in Dowry (Women) Cell of the Delhi Police during 1988;

(c) the number of those convicted;

(d) whether Government are aware that in spite of the existing Laws, police have failed to get offenders convicted; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been an increase in such cases in Delhi.

(b) Out of 71 cases of bride burning registered in Delhi, 15 cases were taken up for investigation by the Dowry (Women) Cell. Out of those, 10 cases have been challaned in court.

(c) Nil.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Cases challaned since the coming into force of the new, and stringent laws in this regard, have not yet reached the stage for orders by the concerned Courts.

**Irrigation projects from Andhra Pradesh pending clearance**

274. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any prograss has been made and speedy steps are taken in giving clearance in respect of irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh pending with the Centre; and

(b) if so, the names of such projects in the State and the time by which these projects are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI):(a) and (b) out of the five major and six medium irrigation projects received from the State Government, comments on four major and three medium projects have been sent to the State Government. Replies to observations of Central appraising agencies on two medium projects have been recently received in February, 1989. One medium project, namely, Yorravagu project has been received in January,1989.